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Re: OIP/12-01231 (F)  
CLM:NCS:SS

**AUG 10 2012**

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated September 27, 2010, and received in this Office on July 17, 2012, in which you requested records concerning the five most recent FOIA appeals resulting from a (1) full or partial overturning of a FOIA denial; (2) overturning of a news media fee category denial; (3) overturning of a fee waiver denial; and (4) overturning of a request to expedite. Your letter was originally directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That component forwarded your request to this Office, which is processing it on behalf of the Office of Information Policy.

We are currently conducting a search in the Office of Information Policy and we have located records which may be responsive to your request. Due to the need to examine these records, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. We intend to comply with your request. The time needed to complete our processing of your request will necessarily depend on the volume and complexity of records located. So that we may respond more quickly to you, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request. As a "representative of the news media," you will not be charged for search fees.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at the above number or you may write to me at the Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

Searle Slutzkin  
FOIA Specialist